

# *eunix: echo*

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A reimplementaion of echo for my own edification.

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## *The main Function*

1b    <Define the main function. 1b>≡  
      int main(int argc, char \*argv[])  
      {  
          <Process given options. 2e>  
  
          <Print each string, separated by a space. 4f>  
  
          <Print a newline unless the -n option was given. 3a>  
  
          return 0;  
      }

This code is used in chunk 1a.

Defines:

    argc, used in chunk 4.  
    argv, used in chunk 4.  
    main, never used.

## Include Headers

Include the core input and output functions from the C standard library.

2a *<Include headers. 2a>*≡  
`#include <stdio.h>`

This definition is continued in chunk 2b.

This code is used in chunk 1a.

Defines:

EOF, used in chunk 4c.

printf, used in chunks 2d and 4e.

putchar, used in chunks 3a and 4d.

Include the GNU **getopt** function from the GNU C Library.

2b *<Include headers. 2a>*+≡  
`#include <getopt.h>`

This code is used in chunk 1a.

Defines:

getopt, used in chunk 4c.

opterr, used in chunk 2e.

optind, used in chunks 3d and 4f.

optopt, used in chunk 4b.

“The **getopt** function gets the next option argument from the argument list specified by the **argv** and **argc** arguments. Normally these values come directly from the arguments received by **main**.” – GNU, 2017

## The usage Function

Define the **usage** function, which displays information about how to use **echo**, including *<known options 2f>*.

2d *<Define the usage function. 2d>*≡  
`void usage()  
{  
 printf("Usage: echo [-n] [string ...]\n");  
}`

This code is used in chunk 1a.

Defines:

usage, used in chunk 2c.

Uses printf 2a.

2c *<Forward declarations. 2c>*≡  
`void usage();`

This code is used in chunk 1a.

Uses usage 2d.

## Processing Options

Set **opterr** to 0 to tell **getopt** not to print an error message upon encountering un*<known options 2f>*.

2e *<Process given options. 2e>*≡  
`opterr = 0;`

This definition is continued in chunks 3c and 4a.

This code is used in chunk 1b.

Uses opterr 2b.

echo accepts -n and prints other options.

2f *<known options 2f>*≡  
`n`

This code is used in chunk 4c.

*-n (do not print a trailing newline)*

Declare a variable `newline_flag` to determine whether or not to print a newline after printing the rest of the given strings.

3a *⟨Print a newline unless the -n option was given. 3a⟩*≡  

```
    if (newline_flag)
        putchar('\n');
```

This code is used in chunk 1b.

Uses `newline_flag` 3c and `putchar` 2a.

When the `-n` option is given, set `newline_flag` to 0, thereby disabling the printing of the trailing newline.

3b *⟨Handle -n. 3b⟩*≡  

```
    case 'n':
        newline_flag = 0;
        break;
```

This code is used in chunk 4a.

Uses `newline_flag` 3c.

By default, print a trailing newline.

3c *⟨Process given options. 2e⟩*+≡  

```
    int newline_flag = 1;
```

This code is used in chunk 1b.

Defines:

`newline_flag`, used in chunk 3.

## Handling Unknown Options

If the user gives an unknown option, i.e. one not included in the *⟨known options 2f⟩*, decrement `optind` by 1 in order to print it later.

3d *⟨Handle unknown options. 3d⟩*≡  

```
    case '?':
        optind--;
        break;
```

This code is used in chunk 4a.

Uses `optind` 2b.

“This variable is set by `getopt` to the index of the next element of the `argv` array to be processed.” – GNU, 2017

## Looping Through Given Options

```
4a  <Process given options. 2e>+≡
    int c;

    while (<Process known options until EOF. 4b>) {
        switch (c) {
            <Handle -n. 3b>
            <Handle unknown options. 3d>
        }
    }
```

This code is used in chunk 1b.

Defines:

c, used in chunk 4c.

Stop processing options when **optopt** is nonzero.

```
4b  <Process known options until EOF. 4b>≡
    !optopt
```

This definition is continued in chunk 4c.

This code is used in chunk 4a.

Uses **optopt** 2b.

Otherwise, process each known option as **c** until **EOF**.

```
4c  <Process known options until EOF. 4b>+≡
    && (c = getopt(argc, argv, "<known options 2f>")) != EOF
```

This code is used in chunk 4a.

Uses **argc** 1b, **argv** 1b, **c** 4a, **EOF** 2a, and **getopt** 2b.

“When **getopt** encounters an unknown option character... it stores that option character in this variable.” – GNU, 2017

## Echoing Strings

Loop through **argv**, starting at **optind**, and <print a space 4d> between 4e each string.

```
4f  <Print each string, separated by a space. 4f>≡
    for (int index = optind; index < argc; index++) {
        <Print the current string. 4e>
        <Print a space unless the current string is the last argument. 4h>
    }
```

This code is used in chunk 1b.

Defines:

index, used in chunk 4.

Uses **argc** 1b and **optind** 2b.

If **index** is less than **argc** - 1 then <the current string is not the last argument 4g>, so <print a space 4d>.

```
4h  <Print a space unless the current string is the last argument. 4h>≡
    if (<the current string is not the last argument 4g>)
        <print a space 4d>
```

This code is used in chunk 4f.

```
4d  <print a space 4d>≡
    putchar(' ');
```

This code is used in chunk 4h.

Uses **putchar** 2a.

```
<Print the current string. 4e>≡
    printf("%s", argv[index]);
```

This code is used in chunk 4f.

Uses **argv** 1b, **index** 4f, and **printf** 2a.

```
4g  <the current string is not the last argument 4g>≡
    index < argc - 1
```

This code is used in chunk 4h.

Uses **argc** 1b and **index** 4f.

*Full Listing*

```

1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <getopt.h>
3
4
5  void usage();
6
7
8  int main(int argc, char *argv[])
9  {
10     opterr = 0;
11
12     int newline_flag = 1;
13
14     int c;
15
16     while (!optopt && (c = getopt(argc, argv, "n")) != EOF) {
17         switch (c) {
18             case 'n':
19                 newline_flag = 0;
20                 break;
21             case '?':
22                 optind--;
23                 break;
24         }
25     }
26
27     for (int index = optind; index < argc; index++) {
28         printf("%s", argv[index]);
29         if (index < argc - 1)
30             putchar(' ');
31     }
32
33     if (newline_flag)
34         putchar('\n');
35
36     return 0;
37 }
38
39
40 void usage()
41 {
42     printf("Usage: echo [-n] [string ...]\n");
43 }

```

## Chunks

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